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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97****AND****CROSS REFERENCED TO RELATED APPLICATIONS UNDER 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2)**

Dear Sir:

Applicants, in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 and 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2), hereby disclose and cross-reference to the following related patent applications all of which are assigned or under an obligation to assign to the same assignee as the above referenced patent application.

(1) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method And Apparatus For Vertical Board Construction Of Fiber Optic Transmitters, Receivers And Transceivers by Jiang, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/320,409, filed May 26, 1999, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,213,651.

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(2) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method And Apparatus For Vertical Board Construction Of Fiber Optic Transmitters, Receivers And Transceivers by Jiang, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/745,033, filed December 20, 2000, pending.

(3) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method And Apparatus For Improved Optical Elements For Vertical Pcb Fiber Optic Modules by Jiang, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/321,308, filed May 27, 1999, pending. (4) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method And Apparatus For Fiber Optic Modules by Jiang, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/816,319, filed March 22, 2001, pending.

(5) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method And Apparatus For Parallel Optical Interconnection Of Fiber Optic Transmitters, Receivers And Transceivers by Jiang, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/651,140, filed August 30, 2000, pending.

(6) U.S. Patent Application entitled Hot Pluggable Optical Transceiver In A Small Form Pluggable Package by Wei, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/656,779, filed September 7, 2000, pending.

(7) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method And Apparatus For Multiboard Fiber Optic Modules And Fiber Optic Module Arrays by Dair, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/833,163, filed April 10, 2001, pending.

(8) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method And Apparatus

For Multiboard Fiber Optic Modules And Fiber Optic Module Arrays  
by Dair, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/833,138, filed April 10,  
2001, pending.

(9) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method And Apparatus  
For Multiboard Fiber Optic Modules And Fiber Optic Module Arrays  
by Dair, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/833,242, filed April 10,  
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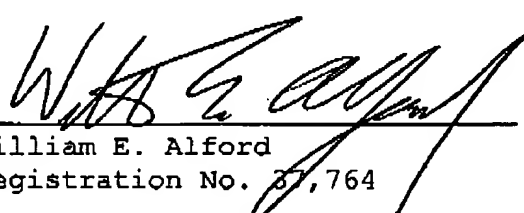
(10) U.S. Patent Application entitled Method And Apparatus  
For Multiboard Fiber Optic Modules And Fiber Optic Module Arrays  
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97, this submission is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above identified patent application and thus no filing fee should be required. In the event any petition is needed for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, it is hereby so petitioned. In the unlikely event it is determined that a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 02-2666. A duplicate of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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